(b) It is not correct to say that the Air Taxi Scheme has failed. Various restrictions in the operation of private air taxis have been removed only recently. The planning for operation of air taxi services, the selection and import of aircraft, recruitment of personnel and establishment of the infrastructure facilities on the part of Private operators do require some time.

It is expected that the scheme will gain momentum in the near future. On its part, Government will provide further facilities for the scheme to succeed.

(c) There is no proposal to link all districts in the country by air. Air services are provided by operators on the basis of operational and commercial feasibility.

Supply of Piped Gas in Bombay

5415. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared a subsidiary company of the Gas Authority of India Limited with foreign collaboration for supplying piped gas in Bombay; and

(b) if so, the expenditures likely to be incurred for the purpose and when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Coaches attached to Jaipur-Rewari Shuttle Trains

5416. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coaches attached to Jaipur-Rewari shuttle train and the number out of them available for the passengers;

(b) whether passengers have to travel on the roof of the train due to shortage of coaches;

(c) the number of cases of passengers falling from the roof of the coaches on this route during the last three years; year-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the number of coaches attached to this train; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Normal load of 15 9/160 Rewari-Jaipur Shuttle is five coaches and all the coaches are available for passengers.

(b) and

(c) No such case has come to notice.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As and when more coaches become available from our production units in the coming years.

[English]

Harnessing of Tidal wave in Gujarat

5417.DR. K.D. JESWANI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey report has been carried out for the production of tidal wave energy at the Khambat sea Coast of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which this scheme stands at present?